

Syphilis
Gonococcal Infections
Chlamydia
Lyme Disease
Meningitis
Tuberculosis
Influenza
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis (Non A, Non B)
Salmonellosis
Mumps
Measles
Rubella

Gonococcal infections were the most prevalent in the county. Sexually transmitted disease rates over a ten-year period were presented at the Health Council. The sexually transmitted disease rate (per 100,000) for teens 15-19 years in Giles County was 353.5 which was significantly lower than the regional rate of 892.3 and the state rate of 2,326.0.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the county for those over the age of 25 years. Lung cancer was the leading cancer diagnosis in Giles County. Female breast cancer in women over 40 years of age has been on an upward trend in Giles County since 1990. The mortality rate for the county is higher than the rate for state as well as the region.

Children and Youth:

The Health Council reviewed data concerning child abuse and neglect. The child abuse and neglect rate is the number of cases per 1,000 children under 18 years old in the population. Child abuse and neglect occur when a child is mistreated, resulting in injury or risk of physical harm. In Giles County during fiscal year 1993-1994 there were 67 indicated cases of child abuse with a rate of 10.1 per 1,000. (Indicated refers to cases that have been investigated with the investigation concluding that an incidence of abuse occurred.) This has increased from 58 indicated cases (rate of 8.8 per 1,000) in 1992-93. Giles County's indicated child abuse rate is slightly higher than the state rate of 9.7 and the regional rate of 7.23. Commitment to state custody is the most serious sanction juvenile courts judge can administer a child. In Giles County during fiscal year 1994-95 the commitment rate of children to state custody was 4.5 per 1,000 (30 children). This number is significantly lower than the state's commitment rate of 7.1 and the region's commitment rate of 7.38.

The number of teen violent deaths has grown 30% statewide in the past decade for teens aged 15-19. Violent deaths include motor vehicle accidents, suicides and homicides.